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Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Institute:

I wish to again congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the Institute. At the close of the last year, we had 103 active members on our roll. Four have since resigned and six applications await your official action. The roll at the close of the present year contains the names of 105 active members.

At the close of the last year, there was in cash on hand \$94.20. During the year there was received for dues \$117.00. For initiation fees \$33.00. From sale of Journal \$1.00, and from advertising in the Journal \$20.00, making a total of \$265.20.

There has been paid out for hall rent \$15.00, for printing programs \$27.50, for postage \$17.00, for expenses at summer meeting \$30.94, and for salary of Secretary \$25.00, making the total expenses for the year \$116.19, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$149.01. There is due the Institute for dues \$78.00, and for advertising \$40.00, making a total of \$118.00 due the Institute.

Your Secretary recommends the appointment of a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws in accord with our advanced views of conducting the affairs of the Institute.

I have to enter a complaint against the members for their indifference in preparing papers for the winter meeting. It was thought that when none were requested for the summer meeting, there would be an abundance of papers offered for the JOURNAL at the winter meeting. I am sorry to report the experiment has not proven a success so far, but still hope that the future may be more satisfactory.

For your kindness and assistance at our summer excursion, I wish to return my thanks.

R. M. HASELTINE,

Secretary and Treasurer.

THE CHAIR: Gentlemen, you have heard the reading of the Secretary's report, what will you do with it?

CAPT. MORRIS: Mr. President, I move the report be accepted.

A MEMBER: I second the motion.

The question coming upon the motion of Capt. Morris, the motion prevailed.

THE CHAIR: For the reason that Mr. Roy cannot be with us to-morrow night, he has requested to have his paper read to-night. So we will divert the programme a little, and the next thing will be Mr. Roy's paper on "The Coal Seams of Jackson County."